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1. The construction of a two-tiered (double-track railway and road) bridge across the Danube between Giurgiu and Ruse (seven kilometers downstream from Ruse) is progressing slowly. Instead of being ready by the end of 1953 as planned, it will probably not be completed before the end of 1954. There was a large group of Soviet engineers helping in the construction, who lived in a hotel in Ruse. In the last weeks they left for the USSR. The bridge is being built as a joint project of Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Poland, as it will serve the interests of all of them. The steel needed for the construction comes from Czechoslovakia.
2. A new large airfield is under construction at Kamenets in Bulgaria.
3. The 1953 autumn maneuvers of the Bulgarian Army took place in the Stara Zagora-Burgas-Yambol-Elkhovo region. Air support was given by planes from the Bolchik and Tolbukhin Airfields. The maneuver was directed against the Turkish frontier.
4. The 1953 autumn Rumanian maneuvers were held jointly with Hungarian and Soviet units in southwestern Transylvania, in the Banat.

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